

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, EAID, GW, ET, GE  
SUBJECT: FRG-GDR COOPERATION IN ETHIOPIA

REF: BONN 04556 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT  
A WEST GERMAN FIRM (KRUPP) HAS AGREED WITH THE GDR ON A  
JOINT PROJECT TO BUILD A COTTON MILL IN ETHIOPIA.  
ACCORDING TO OUR WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS, NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR THE AGREEMENT WERE CARRIED OUT IN LEIPZIG AND THE  
DEAL IS PURELY COMMERCIAL, WITH NO OFFICIAL FRG  
INVOLVEMENT.

2. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS, FROM THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY FOR AFRICA LEVEL DOWN ARE NOT SURE WHAT TO  
MAKE OF THE NEWS. THE GDR HAS, HERETOFORE, BEEN SEEN  
AS THE PRIME INSTIGATOR BEHIND BONN'S DIFFICULTIES  
IN ADDIS (CLOSING OF THE GERMAN SCHOOL AND EXPULSION  
OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR, DEFENSE ATTACHE, AND POLICE  
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ADVISERS.) EVIDENCE AS TO WHETHER THIS DEAL SIGNALS A  
DEPARTURE FROM THIS GDR TACTIC OR MERELY A COMMERCIAL  
ARRANGEMENT WILL BE CLOSELY WEIGHED IN BONN.

IT IS INTERESTING TO  
NOTE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEAL CAME ONLY A

FEW DAYS AFTER CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS IN HIS  
STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (REFTEL) ON THE DESIRABILITY  
OF SUCH COOPERATION.  
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